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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/832,132; Filed: April 11, 2001  
For: **Noise Feedback Coding Method And System For Efficiently  
Searching Vector Quantization Codevectors Used For Coding A  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a);
2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116;
3. One (1) return postcard; and
4. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the Petition for One-Month Extension of Time Fee.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

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